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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 14, 2002 (Paper No. 6), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 18 and 19 without prejudice to their reentry at some later date.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A production method of a branched polymer which comprises polymerizing a macromonomer [I], said macromonomer [I] being a vinyl polymer obtained by radical polymerization and terminally having one polymerizable carbon-carbon double bond-containing group per molecule, wherein the macromonomer [I] has a weight average molecular weight (Mw)-to-number average molecular weight (Mn) ratio (Mw/Mn) of less than 1.8 as determined by gel permeation chromatography.